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SUBJECT: ASIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION SEMINAR ON LAW

REF: TOKYO'S 1328; STATE 019261

1. ASIAN LAW COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE NOMINEES FOR SEMINAR DISCUSSED IN REFTEL: NOBUYOSHI ASHIBE, TOKYO UNIVERSITY, PROFESSOR OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW; NOBUSHIZE UKAI, SEIKEI UNIVERSITY, PROFESSOR OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW; KISABURO YOKOTA, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY.

2. HIDEO TANAKA, SUGGESTED BY EMB IN REFTEL IS WELL KNOWN TO COMMITTEE BUT NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE CANDIDATE. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL REPUTATION IN JAPANESE LEGAL COMMUNITY. THERE WAS SOME SURPRISE HERE OVER COMMENT ON MASAMI ITO'S ENGLISH AS HE IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE. HE HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN PROGRAM IN STRICTLY PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE, INDICATING THAT HE WOULD BE GIVING UP ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES SOON AND WAS ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO ACADEMIC PURSUITS.

3. COMMITTEE MEETS MARCH 20 TO SELECT NOMINEES. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. INGERSOLL

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